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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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This Amendment and Reply to Office Action is submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed May 19, 2003 ("the Office Action"), for the above-referenced application. The Examiner set a three (3) month period for response. This response is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the Office Action, and before its current due date of August 19, 2003.

Insofar as the amendments are made solely to place the claims in better form for appeal and/or allowance, Applicants submit that their entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.